In the Specification:

Please make the following changes in the English translation of the specification:

Page 1, line 2, in the paragraph (heading) at this line, please make the following changes:

~~Specification~~ **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**.

Page 1, lines 3 to 9, please make the following changes in the paragraph between these lines (spaces between paragraphs are not counted as lines):

The invention relates to an optical-projection lens. Such a lens has the function primarily of projecting an object from the object plane into an image plane. In many cases, the projections and the object should be similar to one another. Examples of such a lens in the automotive industry are the well-known projection lenses. However, the invention is expressly not limited to them.

Page 1, between line 19 and 20, please insert the following heading: **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**.

Page 1, line 20 to 24, please make the following changes:

Against this background, it is the object of the present invention to provide ~~disclose~~ an optical lens with a soft-focus effect, which has a fine structure on its

optically active surface, which makes it possible for the contours of an object projected through the lens not to be ~~projected~~ sharply focused, but rather to generate a soft transition.

Page 1, line 25 to 27, please delete in the paragraph between these lines (delete the paragraph beginning "This object...").

Page 1, last line, to page 2, line 13, please make the following changes in the paragraph extending between these lines:

Accordingly, an optical lens with an embossed fine structure extending in undulating form on its optically active surface is provided with a ~~proposed, in which an~~ microstructure extending in undulating form, which is embossed onto the fine structure. Thus the surface of the lens is to a certain extent shaped such that two structures extending in undulating form are superimposed on one another; the microstructure modulates the fine structure, to use the terms known from other fields of technology. By means of this optical lens, a sharp boundary between light and dark regions illuminated by ~~of~~ a light source is softened to provide ~~for instance projected onto~~ a soft transition between light and dark. The sharpness or softness of the transition can be changed and adjusted in a targeted way by means of the proposed structures.

Page 3, lines 4 to 9, please make the following changes in the paragraph between these lines:

However, it is emphasized that it is also possible, for instance in condensor lenses for the use in BEAMER® ~~Beamer (trademark)~~ headlights and projectors, for the structures also to be made axially parallel to one of the two main axes of the lens. In the final analysis, the desired field of use of the lens requires suitable modifications.

Page 4, between line 3 and 4, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING.

Page 4, last two lines, please delete the last sentence on page 4 starting "Below..".

Page 5, above first line, please insert the following:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS.

Page 5, between line 12 and 24, please make the following change in the second paragraph:

The fine structure 2 on the optically active surface 5' of the lens 1 may - as shown in Fig. 3 - be embodied such that the undulating course is damped toward the outer periphery P; that is, the roughness decreases from the optical axis O of the lens toward the outer periphery P of the lens. This is shown in Fig. 3. In it, from the "zero position" of the optical axis O, the distance is shown in millimeters on the abscissa and the roughness is shown in millimeters on the ordinate. As

can be seen, the roughness in the region of the optical axis O amounts to approximately 3 µm, while at the periphery P of the lens it is approximately 1 µm. This fluctuation is damped so as to minimize scattered light effects at the outer edge of the lens. The amplitude of the fluctuation here is approximately 1 mm, for example.

Page 5, line 25, to page 6, line 2, please make the following changes in the paragraph between these lines:

Fig. 4 in a schematic side view shows another embodiment of an aspherical lens 1, from which an annular surface region 4, visible in a projection in the direction of the optical axis O (fig. 5), is provided that carries the surface structures of the invention. This structure is shown clearly in Figs. 5-7. Fig. 5 shows the plan view on the lens 1 of Fig. 4. Fig. 6 is a schematic sectional view taken along the line A-A in Fig. 5. A further structure can be seen in the annular surface region 4 as shown in figs 6 and 7, namely the microstructure 3, which is superimposed on ~~the~~ fine structure 2 according to fig. 2 and fig. 3 ~~of Fig. 2 and Fig. 3~~.

Page 6, last paragraph, please make the following changes:

The effects attained with the lens with a soft-focus effect are seen by comparing Fig. 8a with Fig. 8b. Fig. 8a shows a sharp projection contour of a boundary B between light and dark. This is unwanted for use as a lens in a low-beam headlight in the automotive field, for instance. The lens according to the

invention in a sense veils the transition, as can be seen from Fig. 8b. The previously sharp projection contour becomes softer, which in the case of a low-beam light means that the regions around the projection boundary B' are illuminated substantially more softly.